effecting post-translational modification, as

necessary, for obtaining said polypeptide; and

isolating said\expressed polypeptide.

22. An antibody, active fragment of the antibody, or derivati∳e thereof, specific for\a polypeptide according to claim

51.

A method for identifying and producing a ligand 46. e of modulating the cellular activity modulated or mediated by a polypeptide according to claim 53, comprising:

- a) ascreening for a ligand capable of binding to said polypeptide;
- identifying and characterizing a ligand, other b) than TRAF2 or portions of a receptor of the TNF/NGF receptor family, found by said screening to be capable of said binding; and
- producing said ligand in substant ally isolated and purified form.

An antibody, active fragment of the antibody, 50. or derivative thereof, specific for a polypeptide according to claim 53.

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- A DNA sequence encoding 59.
- a polypeptide in accordance with claim 53, or (1)
- a polypeptide that binds to TRAF2 and modulates (2) the activity of NF-kB and is encoded by a DNA sequence capable of

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binding to a DNA sequence encoding the sequence of (1) under moderately stringent conditions.

Insert new claims 64-68 as follows:

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64. A method for identifying and producing a ligand capable of modulating the cellular activity modulated or mediated by a polypeptide according to claim 62, comprising:

- a) screening for a ligand capable of binding to said polypeptide;
- b) identifying and characterizing a ligand, other than TRAF2 or portions of a receptor of the TNF/NGF receptor family, found by said screening to be capable of said binding; and
- c) producing said ligand in substantially isolated and purified form.
- 65. A DNA sequence encoding a polypeptide in accordance with claim 53.
 - 66. A vector comprising a DNA sequence according to
 - 67. Transformed eukaryotic or probaryotic host cells containing a vector according to claim 69.
- 68. A method for producing a polypeptide that binds to TRAF2 and modulates the activity of NF-kB, comprising:

growing a transformed host cell in accordance with claim 67 under conditions for the expression of said

polypeptide;

effecting post translational modification, as

Nnecessary, for obtaining said polypeptide; and

isolating said polypeptide.